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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S REPLY TO LETTER FROM PRESIDENT
BONGO.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S REPLY TO
PRESIDENT BONGO'S APPEAL FOR GREATER USG SUPPORT FOR CHAD.

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I HAVE REVIEWED CAREFULLY YOUR MARCH 25 LETTER DISCUSSING
THE DIFFICULT SITUATION IN CHAD. THE UNITED STATES GOVERN-
MENT SHARES YOUR INTEREST IN HELPING CHAD PRESERVE ITS
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SUPPORTS THE OAU EFFORT TO
FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE PRESENT CRISIS.

LAST SEPTEMBER, IN RESPONSE TO CHAD'S REQUEST FOR ASSIS-
TANCE, THE UNITED STATES MADE CHAD ELIGIBLE FOR FOREIGN
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MILITARY SALES PROGRAMS. UNDER OUR PRESENT LEGISLATION AND
POLICIES, THE FORMER MILITARY GRANT PROGRAMS ARE, FOR THE
MOST PART, NO LONGER AVAILABLE. REGRETTABLY, CHAD'S
EFFORTS TO OBTAIN -- WITH OUR SUPPORT -- GRANT MILITARY
ASSISTANCE FROM FRIENDLY THIRD COUNTRIES HAVE NOT SUC-
CEDED.

I HAVE FOLLOWED CLOSELY THE SEBHA DISCUSSIONS AIMED AT RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CHAD AND THE REBEL GROUPS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE CURRENT PROCESS OFFERS HOPE FOR PEACE, AND THAT IT SHOULD BE PURSUED AS LONG AS PROSPECTS FOR RECONCILIATION EXIST. MY AMBASSADOR IN N'DJAMENA REMAINS IN CLOSE COMMUNICATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CHAD ON THE SITUATION.

I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR THOUGHTFUL VIEWS ON THIS SENSITIVE MATTER, AND I VALUE YOUR OPINIONS IN OUR DELIBERATIONS WITH REGARD TO AFRICAN ISSUES AND PROBLEMS.

WITH WARM REGARDS,

SINCERELY. END TEXT.

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